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EDITORIALS

MAKES US THINK

An article in a Richmond newspaper declares that Richmond is in a bombing target area in event of war, and should prepare itself accordingly. It says that both Washington and Norfolk would be bomb targets, and that being between them, Richmond should be able to take care of refugees.

Such a view is sobering. America has never seen her great cities bombed. We pray that it will never happen. But cool-thinking tells us to be prepared for anything.

COMPLEXITY OF WORLD DIPLOMACY

Reports from overseas are that two tragic errors in foreign policy have been made by the United States. They may prove costly, if means are not found to correct them.

And, be it said, that neither of the two mistakes can be blamed on Secretary of State Acheson, or upon the Truman administration.

Experts in London tell us that the first of these major mistakes was the ill-advised decision of the United States Senate to make a mandatory grant of $100,000,000 to fascist Spain from the Marshall Plan funds. The President urged the Senate not to make this costly blunder. But powerful forces in the Senate went ahead. The error in this action, and it is to be hoped that the House will correct it, is twofold. First, there are other channels of credit open to Franco and the grant of Marshall Plan funds is entirely unnecessary. A hand-out at this time to the fascists will hardly enthuse other Marshall Plan nations in their fight on totalitarianism. It injures our moral standing all over Europe. But the second error of this thoughtless act, is worse. It is timed at a moment in world history when the United States is trying so desperately to convince hundreds of millions of Asiatics we stand for democracy and Russia is trying to convince them that we stand for imperialism, exploitation and fascism. Our service men are giving their lives in this battle and the fate of the world may be in balance. At such a moment the U. S. Senate chose to give Russia a mighty weapon to use in the battle for the MINDS and the SOULS of Asia and West Europe. In granting $100,000,000 to Dictator Franco, we may lose India, Burma, Indonesia, West Germany, France and much of our international good-will.

We note that Senator Byrd voted against this grant to Franco. He was right and the others in the Senate should stop playing around with dictators while our boys are fighting for democracy.

The identical reasoning applies to General MacArthur's visit to Kai-Shek on Formosa. Shek is on the losing and unpopular side in Asia. MacArthur may have to defend Formosa against invasion, and he was entitled to look it over. But the visit fitted in with Russia's propaganda line to be exploited out of proportion to its true meaning.

All of these "angles" reveal what a complicated and awesome task it is to play well in the game of international diplomacy. We are sure our blunders are due to the vastness of the entire field. Therefore, instead of pointing any finger of criticism, we plead rather for teamwork and non-partisan unity in this hour.

NEW YORK TIMES: AN OUTSTANDING PAPER

The editor of this newspaper is in debt to one of the world's great newspapers for the accurate and the consistent detail in which that paper keeps those who read it informed of what goes on in the world. We refer to the New York TIMES. For such items as word-by-word printing of the complete debate in the UN Security Council, we depend on the TIMES. Too many of us take the opinions of commentators, and the summarized reviews in the average daily instead of reading and studying the actual documents for ourselves. The TIMES publishes the full debate. And in this age of the scarcity of newsprint paper, the TIMES takes space to publish the full war communiques of both sides as the Korean war moves in.

The New York TIMES is a "must" for most editors. Here is one editor who gives it a vote of thanks!

WITH OTHER EDITORS

WANTED: CARGO PLANES

(The New York Times)

There is sound reason for the immediate enactment of the Air Merchant Marine bills new hanging fire in the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. We have seen in Korea how crippling it can be in an emergency to be short of suitable airplanes for cargo and other logistic purposes. The Berlin Airlift constituted a tremendous drain on available transport aircraft, only a handful of which were specifically suited to the carriage of heavy cargo.

The bills now pending may be subject to minor amendment, but, essentially, they would provide a fleet of the best air freighters already developed for both commercial and military use. Of equal, or greater, importance is the fact that they provide for the development of prototype planes including jets and cargo aircraft able to carry tanks. Such cargo planes would be available for immediate mobilization by the President without forcing him to wait for a declaration of war or a War Powers Act. The cargo-plane recommendations made by the President's Air Policy, or Finletter Commission. They further provide equal representation of labor with management, furnish a role for all airlines and set up civ recovery provisions for the tax payer.

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PARTITIONING KOREA AT THE 38th PARALLEL

(Winchester Star)

Korea in area is roughly twice the size of the State of Virginia. How did it happen to be split into two parts at the 38th parallel, with the Russians occupying the northern part and the United States occupying the southern part? One of the few men who knows the answer is Lewis Hoskins, Executive Secretary of the American Friends Committee. Mr. Hoskins told the story the other night on the University of Chicago Round Table program over the National Broadcasting Company network. Said Mr. Hoskins:

"Just before the surrender of Japan in the summer of 1945 several one-star generals hurried into an office in the Pentagon with the statement: 'We have got to divide Korea. Where can we divide it?'

"The colonel with Far Eastern experience protested to his military superiors. 'But we can't separate Korea. Korea is an economic and social unit. There is no place to divide it.'

"The generals insisted that we have to. The colonel replied, 'It can't be done.'

"Their answer was: 'We have got to divide Korea and it has to be done by 4 o'clock this afternoon.' So, by 4 o'clock the division was made at the 38th parallel."

Thus was born the trouble spot where several thousand Americans already have died, and where many more will fall before the line of demarcation is reestablished.

CUT EXPENDITURES FIRST

(The Wall Street Journal)

This newspaper believes that it is vital that the federal budget be brought into balance. To put it in another way this country must "pay as we go" the expenses of the fighting in Korea—on other fronts as well as if they are brought into existence.

If it is necessary to increase the tax burden $5 billion, as President Truman yesterday proposed to Congress, we will support the increase. If $10 billion is necessary, we also favor that.

To attempt to pay these extraordinary expenditures by further inflation is merely to set up competition with the totalitarian rulers to destroy the United States.

But it is still far from demonstrated that a boost in taxes is immediately necessary. Or if the boost is necessary then other measures are made the more necessary.

We suggest that this very afternoon the two houses of Congress pass a joint resolution asking President Truman and the Budget Bureau to separate federal expenditures which are essential to war and those which are not essential. For those in the latter category there should be ordered a reduction of $5 billion or as much as the President can cut.

If Mr. Truman and his Budget Bureau say this cannot be done, then we suggest that a bipartisan group in Congress—Senators George, Byrd, Taft and Bridges would be a nucleus - be set up and given the assistance they need to draw a program to cut to the limit all expenditures not directly connected with defense.

As to the form of tax increases which Mr. Truman proposes, they are quite palpably designed to keep up the pretense that huge expenditures can be met by taxing corporations and the well-to-do. How many people will be fooled by that we do not know. Those who are will find out what's what after the elections in November.

FOOD FOR ALL IS RAISED BY MINORITY

U. S. agricultural policy and programs have made it possible for less than 20 per cent of our people who live on the land to produce an abundance for the other 80 per cent of the people, says R. B. Bridgforth, Chairman of the Virginia PMA State Committee.

He points out that in 1850—100 years ago—about 70 per cent of the people in the United States lived on the land and had it not been for the abundance of game, many of them would have had "slim pickings." Today, less than 20 per cent of the people in the United States live on the land and yet they are able to produce abundantly for the 120 to 125 million people who live in towns and cities.

Bridgforth points out that one of the major reasons for the progress in U. S. agriculture is the progressive attitude taken toward agriculture in this country. People here increasingly realize that the country cannot be prosperous unless agriculture is prosperous. Only then can the farmer produce abundantly, and maintain his land so that it will continue to produce abundantly.

In the chairman's words, research, conservation and improved marketing are encouraged and supported by the Government and through price protection farmers are able to take advantage of the resulting more effective construction methods, better machinery, improved varieties of crops and more effective insecticides and fumicides.

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...burg, Aug. 8.- Mr. and Mrs. ...ge Lewis, John and Bettibel, ...ent are spending the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. ...Marshall.

...Jessie Carson visited Mr. and ...Neal Carson in Portsmouth last ...From there she went to Raleigh, N. C. to stay two weeks in the home of her brother, the Rev. ...Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Crote Carson and Linda Margaret, of Richmond were week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Carson.

Mrs. Edith Hix and daughter, Frances, of Richmond spent Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights in the home of Wilson H...

Mrs. Sallie Allen and daughter, Annie, of Ballsville were recent guests in the home of J. R. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Brockwell and William Swann, of Newport News are staying at Mrs. Brockwell's summer home, the old Willie Swann place.

The entire neighborhood and especially Mathews Baptist Church, sustained a great loss when Mrs. Quida Swann McCue Topping passed to her reward on August the second. She was outstanding in unselfish devotion to her kin, her neighbors, and her church. As an example of simple faith and true greatness, she will always be remembered by those who knew her.

Those from a distance who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Musser, of Charleston, W. Va.; Mrs. Holcolm McCue, of Catawba Sanitorium; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Swann, of Bluefield, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Dabney Swann, of Rasthurg; Mrs. D. W. Harrison, of Disputanta, and Mr. Sidney Brockwell, Jr. and Mrs. John Miller, of Newport News.

Colored Dots

A large crowd attended the beginning of the annual revival of the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday. The pastor preached at the morning service. Rev. J. A. Carter preached at the evening service and the Rev. C. A. Marshall preached at the night service. The home choir rendered music for the morning and night services and the Promise Land Church choir rendered music at the evening service. Dinner was served. The roll call rally was held at the evening service. Mrs. Lucy Stephens reported $114.75; Mrs. R. Q. Lawing reported $64 and Mrs. Tommie Davis reported $16.75. The total amount reported in the rally was $214.95. The total amount raised during the day was $284.25. The Rev. Cecil Gallup, of Perth Amboy is the guest speaker for the week.

The public is invited to attend the annual revival at the following churches this Sunday: Mount Shiloh, Canaan, Morning Star and Mount Zion Baptist Churches. Dinner will be served during the day.

Mrs. P. W. Price is spending her vacation in Washington, D. C.

The annual revival will begin at the Peak's Baptist Church at Prospect, Va., this Sunday. The Rev. C. A. Marshall is pastor.

The Rockfish Association is convening at the Springfield Baptist Church this week.

Deacon Luther Patterson, who has been on the sick list for the past five years, attended the annual revival service at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning.

Patrons of the Appomattox community are urged to use the community cannery every Monday and Thursday.

The following visitors were here over the week-end: Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Delaney and friends, from Hampton, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stevens, Miss Susie Scruggs, James Floyd and Jim Tibbs, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Fannie Robinson, of New York.

Mrs. Ernestine Baker and son, of Baltimore are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vann Patterson.

Mrs. Marie Tibbs is spending some time here with friends.

Miss Helen Stevens, of Baltimore spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Stevens.

Miss Mary Ann Thornhill, of Roanoke is visiting her sister, Mrs. Daisy Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Patterson, of Baltimore spent Sunday here.

Mrs. Alice Stewart and girls, of Roanoke, spent Sunday here.

Deacon Douglas, who has been a patient at Johns Hopkins Hospital, is spending a few weeks here.

FOUR H CLUBS SPONSOR YOUTH EXCHANGE

Virginia's 4-H Clubs will sponsor the International Farm Youth Exchange Project in 1951, Dr. W. E. Skelton, associate state club agent, announces. Dr. Skelton says about $1,000 will be needed, and club members throughout the state will be given an opportunity to contribute. Delegates at the recent state short course at V. P. I. contributed $115.91.

Under the project, which is designed to "further world understanding," a Virginia farm boy or girl will visit a European country for about three months. Likewise, a European boy or girl will visit Virginia. This year delegates from 21 countries are visiting in homes in the United States.

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Universal military training program again being urged for United States as a means of preparedness.

Senator George says the new war-time tax bill may yield up to ten billions more.

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